

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
OR-128-99-06**

A Proposal to Remove Exotic Fish from Heliponds on the Coos Bay District of the BLM

Appendix B

Evaluation of Consistency with NMFS' March 18, 1997 Plan-level BO:

Conservation Recommendations

The draft East Fork Coquille Watershed Analysis (EFCWA) includes an assessment of the aquatic ecosystem of the East Fork Coquille watershed, and the status of salmonid stocks is addressed as a primary issue (p. II-3). This meets the LRMP BO Conservation Recommendation 3, page 47. In addition, by removing exotic fish species, the proposed project is designed to maintain properly functioning native aquatic communities in the watershed. This meets the intent of Recommendation 5, page 48.

Reasonable and Prudent Measures

During the project design and preparation of the EA for the proposed action, the interdisciplinary team used applicable criteria in the Northwest Forest Plan ROD to ensure the proposed actions are consistent with applicable standards and guidelines.

- Reasonable and Prudent Measure 1 (p. 63) - The consistency of the proposed project with ACS objectives is documented below.
- Reasonable and Prudent Measure 2 (p. 63) - NMFS' Checklist and Matrix of Pathways and Indicators was completed and the project will be submitted for formal consultation prior to implementation.
- Reasonable and Prudent Measure 3 (p. 63) - N/A
- Reasonable and Prudent Measure 4 (p. 64) - The proposed project is tiered to the two pertinent watershed analyses (see "Evaluation of Consistency with Watershed Analysis Findings" above) and the NFP ROD. The Helipond Exotic Species Eradication EA (EA #OR128-99-06) will be submitted for public/interagency review and comment.
- Reasonable and Prudent Measure 5 (p. 64) - All work on this project will be accomplished during the instream work period (July - September).
- Reasonable and Prudent Measure 6 (p. 64) - Relevant BMPs, (Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, & 13) as listed on pp. D-2 & D-3 of the Coos Bay District ROD and RMP, have been incorporated into the project design features.

Terms and Conditions

- Terms and Condition number 1.a. (p. 66) - The proposed action is designed in accordance with relevant standards and guidelines (NEPA documentation), consistent with NFP ACS objectives (see ACS consistency below). In addition, the results of watershed analysis and other information were used to reach the finding that the actions either "meet" or "do not prevent attainment" of the ACS objectives.
- Terms and Condition number 2.a-c. (p. 66) - The proposed project will undergo the Level 1 team process, and the NMFS' Checklist and Matrix of Pathways and Indicators has been

completed at the 5th field watershed and site levels. Through these processes, it was determined that the proposed project has a negligible probability of take of proposed/listed anadromous salmonids or destruction/adverse modification of proposed/designated critical habitat, and therefore is a “not likely to adversely affect” (NLAA) action. As an NLAA action, the proposed project will undergo informal consultation and interagency discussions at a Level 1 team meeting. These measures are in accordance with Terms and Condition number 2. a-c on page 67.

No other Terms and Conditions contained in NMFS’ March 18, 1997 Plan-level BO apply to the proposed action.